

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously presented) In combination:

a bulk bag having a bottom, a peripheral sidewall and ties attached to one of the bottom or the peripheral sidewall of the bulk bag;

two rigid parallel-piped fork lift tine receiving members having opposed ends, the fork lift tine receiving members underlying the bottom of the bulk bag;

securing means being provided to secure each of the opposed ends of the fork lift tine receiving members to the bulk bag thereby limiting movement of the fork lift tine receiving members in relation to the bottom of the bulk bag; and

at least one of the securing means including a pair of axially spaced slots on top of each of the opposed fork lift tine receiving members at one of the opposed ends, the ties being threaded through the slots to secure the fork lift tine receiving members to the bulk bag.

19. (Canceled)